

BUILDING ACTIVITY

BUILDING AND BUSINESS.
Operations in The State During The Past Week.

But one petition in bankruptcy was filed in this state during the week, with liabilities of only \$5,072. This is the best record for the first week in June in five years, with the exception of 1913.

The record of new incorporations formed in the state the past week is better than for many years. Twelve new companies were reported, with aggregate authorized capital stock of \$453,000.

The number of sales of real estate in the Connecticut towns reported in The Commercial Record during the week was 340, which compares with 428 in the like week of 1914. Mortgage loans aggregated \$1,941,015, which includes a million-dollar bond issue in New Haven, against \$24,774 during the like week of the previous year.

In the cities of New Haven, Bridgeport, Hartford, Waterbury and Stamford building permits were issued during the week to the number of 135, for buildings costing \$1,188,278, the larger part of which was in the city of Bridgeport. In the same week of last year 127 permits were granted in the same cities for buildings costing \$1,856,010.

The most conspicuous feature of the week's developments in the building line is the number of new factory buildings and additions to present plants. Contracts for buildings of this character have been given out in Waterbury, Hartford, and New Britain. Other contracts reported are for church buildings in Milford, rectory in Putnam, library in West Hartford, theatres in New Haven and Norwich, business blocks in Bridgeport and Hartford, parish house in Bridgeport, store and tenement block in Stamford, and one, two three four and six-family houses in New Haven, Hartford, Bridgeport, New Britain, Stamford, West Hartford and Waterbury.

New plans are reported for factory buildings in Hartford and Bridgeport, store and tenements in New Haven and New Britain, and a new school in New Haven, school in Saybrook, business building in Bridgeport, and one, two, three, six and eight-family houses in New Haven, Bridgeport, Hartford, Milford, New Britain and Terryville.

Norwich had twelve sales of real estate during the past week as compared with nine a year ago. Loans for the respective weeks were \$13,850 and \$12,100.

In New London there were ten real estate sales last week compared to seven a year ago. The mortgage loans were \$35,350 last week and a year ago \$4,750.

BUILDING OPERATIONS IN NEW ENGLAND.

Statistics of Building Operations in New England as compiled by The F. W. Dodge Company, follow:

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| Contracts to June 2, 1915... | \$69,251,000 |
| Contracts to June 2, 1914... | 72,960,000 |
| Contracts to June 2, 1913... | 69,540,000 |
| Contracts to June 2, 1912... | 85,816,000 |
| Contracts to June 2, 1911... | 83,845,000 |
| Contracts to June 2, 1910... | 68,686,000 |
| Contracts to June 2, 1909... | 86,061,000 |
| Contracts to June 2, 1908... | 36,658,000 |
| Contracts to June 2, 1907... | 58,025,000 |
| Contracts to June 2, 1906... | 47,955,000 |
| Contracts to June 2, 1905... | 42,520,000 |
| Contracts to June 2, 1904... | 34,944,000 |
| Contracts to June 2, 1903... | 37,968,000 |
| Contracts to June 2, 1902... | 53,747,000 |
| Contracts to June 2, 1901... | 53,238,000 |
| Contracts for May 1915... | 26,163,000 |
| Contracts for May 1914... | 17,350,000 |
| Contracts for May 1913... | 17,009,000 |
| Contracts for May 1912... | 24,803,000 |
| Contracts for May 1911... | 17,656,000 |
| Contracts for May 1910... | 17,440,000 |
| Contracts for May 1909... | 17,438,000 |
| Contracts for May 1908... | 9,540,000 |
| Contracts for May 1907... | 15,372,000 |
| Contracts for May 1906... | 12,785,000 |
| Contracts for May 1905... | 12,567,000 |
| Contracts for May 1904... | 10,148,000 |

SMALL, ATTRACTIVE COTTAGE OF SIX ROOMS



It takes courage sometimes to depart from conventional lines. One may travel many miles and not find the duplicate of this house. The heavy overhang of the roof, the massive corner pillar, the treatment of the top of the porch and the exposed chimney in front—all unite to give an impression of solidity. One feels instinctively that an earthquake couldn't shake this house down, and will readily admit that the architect has done extremely well with a rather difficult subject.

Both the front hall and the living-room open on the front porch, the hall, with its cloak closet at the opposite end, also affording entrance to the living-room, 13.5x15 feet. On each side of the fireplace is a bookcase, its doors matching the tiny window above. A triple porch window occupies nearly the whole of one side of this room. French doors on the other side of the room, 13x11 feet, just back of the living-room. A bay window at one end and another group of windows at the rear communicate with the dining-room, 11x13 feet. The dining-room is a place imperatively demanded nowadays by those who understand the science of enjoyable living. A recessed china cabinet adorns but does not break into the lines of the room. Through the pantry by two sets of swinging doors one reaches the kitchen, 9x11 feet, where one may pass outdoors by the rear entry, with refrigerator space, or gain the basement stairs by yet another door.

Three bedrooms, 9.5x11, 11.5x11 and 11x13.9 feet, all with closets, a bathroom, and a very large linen closet make-up the layout of the second floor. The largest chamber is a particularly attractive apartment. Possessing ample light and ventilation, provided by windows in the side gables.

SEVERAL NEW DWELLING HOUSES

Three Story Tenement House for Lake Street—Two Houses for Greenville Section and One on West Side—Two Garages to be Built.

George E. Fellows & company are about to start the erection of a three-story cement building on Lake street. The building is to be used for tenements. There will be three tenements in the rear of the building which will be attractively finished off.

Hyde Brothers have the contract for the erection of a single story garage, frame construction, for T. J. Fitzgerald in the rear of residence, No. 58 Cliff street. The foundation and concrete floor are nearly completed and will be ready for the carpenters by the end of the week. The garage will be 23x23 feet. The garage will consist of one big open room and will provide accommodations for seven or eight automobiles.

Two-Story Residence.
A barn owned by Mrs. Besie E. Babcock and located on her property at No. 17 Ann street is being remodeled into a two-story dwelling house. The barn is to be moved this week from its location in the rear of Mrs. Babcock's residence to a new site nearer the street. The new foundation is all ready for the barn, which will be moved by Contractor Del Carlo. A veranda is to be built on the front.

SOUTH MANCHESTER.

George T. Coleman has the contract for the new bungalow to be erected on Hill street for Harry Trotter. It will contain five rooms provided with furnace heat, electric lights and hardwood finish.

Thomas G. Wright has the contract for the new house to be erected on Russell street for Mrs. Agnes Harrison. It will contain twelve rooms, provided with furnace heat, electric lights and modern plumbing.

Barber & West have the contract and have started the carpenter work on the new bungalow to be erected on South Main street for Mark Cheney. Charles Edmund has the contract for the new house to be erected on Valley street for Henry Sanderson. It will contain four tenements, provided with modern conveniences.

Max Rubenstein of Hartford has purchased property on Bissell street and plans to build a frame block on the site. It will be three stories high and will be arranged for three stores and four tenements.

QUAKER HILL.

W. H. Benham of Benham avenue has started the foundation for a new barn which he will soon erect on the lot adjacent to the site of his barn, which was recently destroyed by fire. The Chums' Country club after considering several sites for the new clubhouse voted by a strip of land on the back road. The members are planning to have their clubhouse complete about the last of August.

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MORE BUILDING IN CONNECTICUT

Contracts for New Structures Awarded by Industrial Concerns in Several Cities.

The Whitney Manufacturing Company of Hartford, machinery, has awarded the contract for a four-story building, 40 by 54 feet, to the James H. Grosier Company, which will begin construction work at once. In Waterbury, the Chase Metal Works has awarded the contract for a five-story mill structure, 50 by 120 feet, to the Remington Arms-Union Metal Cartridge Company of Bridgeport. The three leading cities were the state's ten leading cities were 835, as compared with 781 for the corresponding month in 1914, and 697 in 1913; and the amounts of the contracts were \$2,865,592 for May, 1915; \$2,035,563 for May, 1914; \$2,857,432 for May, 1913.

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AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS

SIGNS OF WINTER-KILLING.

Trouble With Trees in Many Cases Traced to Improper Care in Preceding Summer.

Many people are reporting trouble in their young and old trees, which, when the weather very often is found to be winter-killing. There is much winter-killing caused by the winter of 1913-1914 on old trees which is continually showing up. That is, many of the trees which were severely pruned during the last part of the summer, did not show the trouble until the trees began to leaf out.

In nearly all cases this trouble can be traced back to some direct cause. In all instances the killing is caused by the condition of the tree, that is, the tree being in a weakened condition and not being able to winter properly hardened. This condition was caused in many cases by late plowing, in some cases by too much nitrogen, in some cases by a very early start in late close feeding and fertilizing by cattle, hogs or sheep, and in some instances by severe pruning, causing much wood growth and a late growth.

This spring many orchards are showing young trees severely injured, and in many cases probably by winter-killing. This, like the trouble in the case of the trees which were pruned late last fall caused by using a slowly available form of nitrogen, late cultivation without proper cover crops, or too severe pruning the previous spring.

GREEN FOOD FOR POULTRY.

Should Be Provided in Winter As Well As Summer.

Green food in some form is absolutely necessary to poultry for the best growth and production says R. E. Johnson, of the Connecticut Agricultural College. The first green food should be given soon after the chicks are put in the brooder. Continued feedings of green feeds will aid growth, increase production and decrease the cost of grain. The first green food for poultry should consist of mangels, potatoes or other vegetables cut up fine at first until the chicks learn to like them, and later stuck on a stick driven in the wall just high enough for the chick to reach. Lawn clippings or lettuce may be fed with good results. Free range gives the best green food supply for the growing chick but that is not always possible. A small yard may be greatly improved by dividing the middle and showing each half alternately the oats. Some poultrymen scatter the feed on the ground and allow the chicks to scratch them but as they begin to swell and sprout, a few boards laid on the surface will allow the chicks to start. When the boards are removed the chicks will have the time of their lives and are not satisfied until roots and all are consumed.

Where it is to dry or for other reasons impossible to get a good growth of green food in the yard, it should be supplied from outside. Dwarf Essex Rape and Swiss Chard may be produced abundantly in a little lawn and make excellent summer green food. Rape may be sown either in drill or broadcast as early as the ground can be worked in the spring and will be ready to cut in about six or eight weeks. It is apt to be somewhat affected by hot, dry weather and will not last the entire season. Swiss Chard should be planted in drills after the soil becomes thoroughly warm. It will be ready for cutting in eight to ten

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for plant use but also is an aid to plant growth and benefit to the soil. Never be satisfied with cultivating enough to kill the weeds. Cultivate often enough to maintain throughout the season a loose dry layer of soil on the surface. Start a soil mulch now and maintain it all summer. It pays for it means more water for our crops to use.

LEADING PENS HAVE LAID OVER 100 DOZEN EGGS EACH.

Marked Difference Between the Average Hen in These Pens and Those At the Bottom of List.

The three leading pens in the contest at Storrs have now laid more than one hundred dozen eggs each. The thirty hens in these three pens for the last ten weeks were both past and have averaged to lay 122 eggs apiece whereas the three poorest pens in the contest have produced only a little over forty dozen eggs per pen or an average individual yield for the thirty hens in these three pens of 44½ eggs each.

Changes among the ten leading pens continue to occur. The Vermont pen of Rhode Island Reds that has been in second place for the last two weeks and the New York pen of Leghorns that has been in fourth place for the last ten weeks were both past and during the week and strangely enough one breeder's birds did the work in both cases. Barron's Wyandottes succeeded in getting by the Reds with a margin of two eggs and his Leghorns beat out the New York pen by three eggs. Thus the pen of English Wyandottes are now leading the competition. Another interesting change occurred in the pen of Barred Rocks from Brookfield, Conn. which has been among the ten leading pens from the very first week of the contest and was in fact in third place from the tenth to the eighteenth week. They have, however, finally been supplanted by a pen of White Leghorns from Ballston Lake, N. Y.

Seventy individuals including Plymouth Rocks, Wyandottes, Rhode Island Reds, Light Brahams, Silver Campines, Favorelles, and Orpingtons made perfect scores for the week by laying seven eggs each. Seven pens of Leghorns made perfect pen scores on the last day of the week each pen of ten birds laying ten eggs. The all time continuous record so far is held by Salmon Favorelle hen No. 944 from Elliott City, Md. Since the 2nd of May this hen has laid for thirty-six consecutive days.

The best weekly record in the present competition is 59 eggs made in the 20th week by a pen of English Wyandottes. This was equalled in the 29th week by a pen of Connecticut Leghorns. It is again equalled in the 31st week by Dictograph Poultry Farm's Leghorns from West Nyack, N. Y. All three pens are doing very good work. The highest weekly yield last year was 69 eggs made in the 15th week by Barron's Leghorns from California. Eng. were second with 58 eggs, and three pens of the same breed owned by Bransford Poultry Farm, Strauburg, Pa., Windsor Farm, Redding Ridge, Conn. and Ed Cam. Houghton, Eng., all tied for third with 56 eggs each. The total production for all pens amounted to 4164 eggs or 86 more for the preceding week.

The ten leading pens to date are as follows: Ed Cam, Houghton, near Preston, Eng., White Wyandottes, 1245; Tom Barron, Catfirth, near Preston, Eng., White Wyandottes, 1208; Hillview Poultry Farm, St. Albans, Vt., Rhode Island Reds, 1206; Tom Barron, Catfirth, near Preston, Eng., White Wyandottes, 1199; A. P. Robinson, Calverton, N. Y., White Leghorns, 1116; M. Pansley, Chesire, Conn., White Leghorns, 1109; Windsor Farm, Redding Ridge, Conn., White Leghorns, 1060; Pinecrest Orchards, Groton, Mass., Rhode Island Reds, 1047; Colonial Farm, Temple, N. H., Rhode

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Aunt Sally's Advice

to Beauty Seekers

K. C. F. asks: "Will you tell me how to get my hands white and soft? They have become rough and are so dark in contrast to my arms." The method mentioned in reply to Betty should bring the desired results; wear gloves to prevent soiling the bed linen. D. N. A. writes: "How can I reduce a double chin? Also how get rid of crows' feet?" A was reduced prepared by dissolving 1 oz powdered salicylic acid in 1/2 pt. witch hazel. This tightens the skin, tending to disperse wrinkles as well as flabbiness about the chin or elsewhere. Elsie says: "My freckles are worse than ever this year. Make doubly conspicuous by a pallid complexion. Is there any cure?" Ask your druggist for an ounce of mercurized wax, apply nightly like cold cream, removing in the morning with warm water. As the wax gradually absorbs the lifeless cuticle, not only will the freckles vanish, but the new and younger skin which appears in reply to Betty's color. Probably you will need to continue treatment a couple weeks or so.—Woman's Realm.

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PEACH TREE BORERS.

Peach tree borers seem to be more than usually plentiful and all who have peach trees should immediately examine them and dig